



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Casey Snider

Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Michael K. McKell

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m..

1 . Committee Business

Chair Okerlund asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the June 19, 2019, meeting minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

2 . Draft Legislation - Hazardous Substances Mitigation Act Sunset Extension

Patricia Owen presented the draft legislation "Hazardous Substances Mitigation Act Sunset Extension."

[Draft Legislation "Hazardous Substances Mitigation Act Sunset Extension"](#)

MOTION: Rep. Wilde moved that "Hazardous Substances Mitigation Act Sunset Extension" be approved as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Okerlund asked Rep. Mike Schultz and Rep. Casey Snider to introduce themselves.

3 . Draft Legislation - Waste Tire Recycling Act Amendments

Patricia Owen presented the draft legislation "Waste Tire Recycling Act Amendments."

[Draft Legislation "Waste Tire Recycling Act Amendments"](#)

Scott Baird, Interim Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, spoke favorably of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved that "Waste Tire Recycling Act Amendments" be approved as a committee bill.
The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

4 . Draft Legislation - Land Exchange Distribution Account Amendments

Patricia Owen presented the draft legislation "Land Exchange Distribution Account Amendments" and answered questions from the committee.

[Draft Legislation "Land Exchange Distribution Account Amendments"](#)

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that "Land Exchange Distribution Account Amendments" be approved as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

5 . Federal Land Disposal Applications

Kathleen Clark, Coordinator, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, provided a brief overview of assignments and responsibilities of PLPCO.

[PLPCO - Presentation](#)

Cloe Nixon, Project Coordinator, Public lands Policy Coordination Office, discussed PLPCO's efforts under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

Kathleen Clark, Coordinator, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, discussed challenges of the project and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

6 . Public Lands Policy Coordination Office Program Updates

Kathleen Clark, Coordinator, Public Lands Policy Corrdinating Office presented an overview of the Roadless Rule Petition.

[Governor's Letter about the Roadless Rule Petition](#)

[Utah Roadless Rule Petition](#)

Brian Cottam, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, highlighted the major priorities of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

7 . Wildfire Decision Making and Management

Brian Cottam, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands presented his division's role in wildfire decision making and management and shared update of Utah's current fire season.

[Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands - Presentation](#)

Brett Austler, State Fire Management Officer, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, introduced himself.

8 . Wildfire Risk Assessment

Brian Cottam, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands provided an overview of Utah's Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal.



[Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands - Map](#)

Buck Ehler, GIS and IT Manager, Division of Forestry, Fire, and Public Lands, provided a detailed report of Utah's Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (URAP).

9 . School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

David Ure, Director, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration discussed the current successes and challenges faced by the administration and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[SITLA - Successes and Challenges Overview Presentation](#)

Justin Atwater, Director, Utah Lands Trust Protection and Advocacy Office, responded to questions.

10 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 13.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Albrecht
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Nays-0

Absent-13

Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
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Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m..